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REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references cited on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references. Applicant also wishes to make of record the international search report from a related PCT case international application no. PCT/US0017091, international filing date of June 22, 2000.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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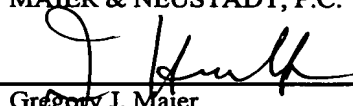
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- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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	AB	2,623,521	12/30/1952	SHAW			
	AC	2,630,803	03/10/1953	BARAN			
	AD	3,039,468	06/19/1962	PRICE			
	AE	3,090,384	05/21/1963	BALDWIN, ET AL.			
	AF	3,713,447	01/30/1973	ADAIR			
	AG	3,774,604	11/27/1973	DANIELSSON			
	AH	3,789,852	02/05/1974	KIM, ET AL.			
	AI	4,168,699	09/25/1979	HAUSER			
	AJ	4,177,814	12/11/1979	KNEPSHIELD, ET AL.			
	AK	4,403,617	09/13/1983	TRETINYAK			
	AL	4,431,426	02/14/1984	GROSHONG, ET AL.			
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	AN	4,535,773	08/20/1985	YOON			
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	AA	4,556,059	12/03/1985	ADAMSON, Jr.			
	AB	4,601,710	07/22/1986	MOLL			
	AC	4,654,030	03/31/1987	MOLL, ET AL.			
	AD	4,747,831	05/31/1988	KULLI			
	AE	4,808,168	02/28/1989	WARRING			
	AF	4,813,426	03/21/1989	HABER, ET AL.			
	AG	4,902,280	02/20/1990	LANDER			
	AH	4,906,236	03/06/1990	ALBERTS, ET AL.			
	AI	4,922,602	05/08/1990	MEHL			
	AJ	4,931,042	06/05/1990	HOLMES, ET AL.			
	AK	4,952,207	08/28/1990	LEMIEUX			
	AL	5,030,206	07/09/1991	LANDER			
	AM	5,066,288	11/19/1991	DENIEGA, ET AL.			
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	AB	5,116,353	05/26/1992	GREEN			
	AC	5,152,754	10/06/1992	PLYLEY, ET AL.			
	AD	5,295,993	03/22/1994	GREEN			
	AE	5,318,580	06/07/1994	GRESL, JR.			
	AF	5,318,585	06/07/1994	GUY, ET AL.			
	AG	5,320,610	06/14/1994	YOON			
	AH	5,372,588	12/13/1994	FARLEY, ET AL.			
	AI	5,569,160	10/29/1996	SAUER, ET AL.			
	AJ	5,882,340	03/16/1999	YOON			
	AK	6,030,402	02/29/2000	THOMPSON, ET AL.			
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